WHAT IS NAPLAN?

The NAPLAN examinations (Tuesday May 15 – Thursday May 17) are tests that allow a school to gain information about their students. The examinations allow the government to compare our school to “like schools”, “schools in the Hunter Central Coast region”, “other non-government (private) schools”, “all NSW schools” and “all schools in Australia.” This information is then used by the school to provide quality teaching programs that will improve areas of need.

With the NAPLAN tests being conducted early this term, now is the time to help your child to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

While all subjects have ensured that literacy and numeracy activities are included in each and every program, it is the little “extra” activities that can make a significant difference to your child’s final mark.

Reading with your child, finding out what novels they are reading as part of their English course and asking them questions, helping to read bus and train timetables, getting your child to measure the ingredients needed for the evening dinner or even asking how to spell words on signs or quickly adding up the cost of a variety of goods being purchased at the shops will enhance your child’s understanding of literacy and numeracy in the “real” world and will benefit them in the external exams coming weeks.

NAPLAN TEST DATES

The NAPLAN examinations will be run over three days. The dates are the same for all schools in Australia. The examinations begin on Tuesday May 15 and conclude on Thursday May 17. Friday May 18 is used as a make-up day for any student who missed one or all of the exams.

At Erina High School, the NAPLAN examinations will be conducted in the hall. Year 9 will sit their exams in the morning and Year 7 will complete exams in the afternoon.
### NAPLAN TIMETABLE

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When not completing NAPLAN examinations students will be in timetabled classes and continuing with normal lesson material.

### NAPLAN INFORMATION

Last term all students in Years 7 and 9 were given a letter regarding the NAPLAN examinations. This letter outlined what was going to occur during the three days when the national tests were being conducted.

It is very important that that this information was received and read. If your child(ren) did not receive this letter please contact Mrs Smith (Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning) who will be more than happy to provide an additional letter.

If your son / daughter is absent during the testing, please phone the school and advise Mrs Smith on the morning of the examination. This allows the appropriate paper work to be completed for the government. Students who miss an examination will be able to sit the missed paper on Friday.

If you do not want your child to sit one or all of the NAPLAN tests then you must apply for an exemption. Please do not keep your son / daughter home because of these examinations. If you feel strongly about your child not sitting these government tests then an exemption must be sought. Exemption forms are available from Mrs Smith and must be filled out prior to the examination.

If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN tests you can contact either Mrs Smith or Mr Chapman on (0243) 677 353.